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FOL REPEAT LYON 29 ACTION PARIS MARSEILLE NICE STRASBOURG
BORDEAUX BONN BRUSSELS COPENHAGEN DUBLIN GENEVA LONDON
LUXEMBOURG ROME THE HAGUE 27 FEB.

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SUBJECT: MASSIVE FARMER DEMONSTRATIONS IN LYON CONSULAR
DISTRICT AGAINST EEC FARM PRICE PROPOSALS. FOUR KEY CITIES
OF THE LYON CONSULAR DISTRICT. CLERMONT DSH FERRAND, DIJON,
MOULINS AND SAINT-ETTINNE WERE SCENES OF LARGE SCALE AGRICUL-
TURAL UNREST LAST WEEK. ALL TOLD IT IS ESTIMATED SOME 1000,000
FARMERS PARTICIPATED IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST THE PRICE
PROPOSALS BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE 1976 DSH 77 CROP YEAR.
THE FEBRUARY 18 DEMONSTRATION IN DIJON STARTED CALMLY BUT
LATER BECAME VIOLENT. RAILWAY TRAFFIC THROUGH DIJON WAS
DELAYED 40 MINUTES BY DEMONSTRATORS ON THE RAILS AND STREET
BATTLES BROKE OUT IN WHICH POLICE USED TEARGAS AND NIGHT
STICKS TO HOLD BACK THE STONE THROWING MULTITUDE. AT
CLERMONT DSH FERRAND PRESIDENT DEBATISSE OF THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF FARM SYNDICATES, F.N.S.E.A.
STATED THAT NOT ONLY THE EEC, BUT ALSO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. COMMENT, IN VIEW OF THE GENERALLY
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WELL ORGANIZED NATURE OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS, IT IS ANTICI-

PATED THAT OTHER FOLLOW UP ACTIONS ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE
NEAR FUTURE UNLESS SOME SATISFACTION IS FORTHCOMING. VERSCHUUR

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